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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS received 09/14/2005 and interview on 09/20/2005.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10,14-17,33-39 and 47.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 09/20/2005

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/20/2005

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. McClellan on 09/20/2005 and 10/02/2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:
- Claim 1: line 14, replace --provided-- with "inputted".
 - Claim 1: line 16, replace --provided-- with "outputted".
 - Claim 33: line 10, replace --a first device-- with "the second device".
 - Claim 33: line 10, replace --provided-- with "inputted".
 - Claim 33: line 11, replace --provided-- with "outputted".
 - Claim 47: line 12, replace --a first device-- with "the second device".
 - Claim 47: line 12, replace --provided-- with "inputted"
 - Claim 47: line 13, replace --provided-- with "outputted"

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-10, 14-17, 33-39 and 47 are allowed.

The following is the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art disclosed by the applicant and cited by the Examiner fail to teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the multiple selection mechanisms of data and address in a cache memory system and method particularly where the selection of addresses to be input to external memory

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in an associative cache setup is performed by selecting from a set of addresses output from an external memory itself, e.g., the second device, and addresses output by the associative cache (claims 33, 47 and dependent claims). Claim 1 and dependent claims are allowable because they embody this methodology specifically by using multiplexers as the physical selection mechanism. Note that the external addresses from second controller claimed in the last limitation of claim 1, actually originate from the second device, which is the external memory.


Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alan S. Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-4143. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici can be reached on (571) 272-4083. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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